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SUBJECT : UAE FINANCED JORDAN FMS CASE

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1. WITH RESPECT TO QUESTION OF LARGER AMOUNT OF FINAL PAYMENT ON JORDAN FMS CASE, ABU DHABI DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND UAE MFA INFORM US THAT LETTER HAS BEEN SENT TO JORDANIAN GOVERNEMENT STAT-ING THAT THEY HAVE HEARD (FROM US) THAT FINAL PAYMENT UNDER CONTRACT MIGHT BE LARGER THAN PREVIOUS PAYMENTS, BUT THAT ACCORDING TO UAEG'S ORIGINAL OBLIGATION (TAJIR LETTER TO ARMY) WHICH MENTIONS SPECIFIC OVERALL SUM FOR CONTRACT, UAEG WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE FINAL PAYMENT LARGER THAN PREVIOUS ONES. SO FAR MFA HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY RESPONSE FROM JORDANIAN GOVERNEMENT.

2. THIS IS, OF COURSE, BASICALLY PROBLEM BETWEEN GOJ AND UAEG. OUR GUESS IS THAT IF JORDANIANS MAKE A HIGH LEVEL PITJO TO UAE (AS WE PRESUME THEY WILL WANT TO) UAE WILL COME UP WITH ES-TIMATED ADDITIONAL MILLION AND HOW TO MEET TERMS OF CONTRACT. MATTER WILL, HOWEVER, HAVE TO BE TAKEN UP WITH SHAIKH ZAYID FOR HIS APPROVAL AND GOVERNMENT SPHERE WILL ALSO PROBABLY WANT SOME-THING FROM GOJ IN WRITING STATING THAT IN ITS VIEW COST OVER-RUN ON ORIGINAL ESTIMATED CONTRACT PRICE IS JUSTIFIED. OUR CONCERN IS THAT TIME HAS A WAY OF SAUPPING BY HERE, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE
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THIS PROBLEM RESOLVED WELL IN ADVANCE OF DATE FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE.

3. WE UNDERSTAND JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR TO UAE MANSOUR BATAINEH
IS PRESENTLY IN AMMAN. IT MIGHT BE GOOD IDEA IF EMBASSY TOOK
OPPORTUNITY OF HIS PRESENCE IN THE CAPITAL TO MEET WITH GOJ OFFICIALS
CONCERNED TO GET SOME IDEA OF HOW GOJ INTENDS TO PROCEED.
SUGGEST WE URGE GOJ NOT TO LET PROBLEM DRAG ON BUT TACKLE IT
PROMPTLY WITH UAEG.
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